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The rapid way the coons are changing the names of their kids from Theodore Roosevelt to Foraker Spooner and Abraham Lincoln since the Brownsville affair is positively tragical.

Prosperity causes diamonds to become common and that fact brings disuse and a decline in the price, but when religion prospers the very commonness of it seems to enhance its value.

One fellow asks, "Where is the old fashioned girl that used to faint away on convenient occasions?" An observing wag made ready reply that "the round dance and the roller rink has made it unnecessary."

Young people and mostly unmarried folks dream largely in the day time, but after marriage and taking up the real affairs of life people dream chiefly at night. If this isn't fine philosophy it is at least good religion and betokens prosperity.

The saddest fact in the society of today is seen in the lack of the old disposition to help. Unless there is a present or prospective "quid pro quo" "the glad hand" is "non-est" or scarcely visible. That is not the good religion of the Christ.

Seek to be sympathetic, cultivate the faculty of good will toward all and store your mind with current useful information. Then with careful words of easy meaning your conversation will be both entertaining and instructive. If, moreover, the gold of Christian counsel of experience and thought is interwoven you will be as "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world."

The man who writes a captivating story about "tramp life" is doing as little for the good of our young people as he that purveys the yellow back and highwayman literature. They are two related fields of realistic cast and are easily made attractive and drawing to not a few of our adventure loving young Americans. The less of all such the better for a country that is growing upward and not downward.

Humanly speaking it would seem that the great revivals where tens, hundreds and even thousands are being reported as saved could not have been accessible to those other tens, hundreds and near thousands who have been killed all within the same time by the multitudinous railroad and mine disasters. If there could be a revival of life saving as well as soul saving it would be good religion.

Table linen is quite apt to become soiled by use, but the provident housewife does not delay till it is foul with filth before she sends it to the laundry and thus preserves its fiber from wear and tear by excessive scrubbing. Why may not the Christian learn a lesson here and make haste to turn from the fault overtaken in, confess his sin and be forgiven according to the Lord's word and not go on from bad to worse?

It is a shame and scandal that the whole growing and manufacturing population who are the bone and sinew of this great country should be at the mercy of the cotton speculators and gamblers who are nothing but land sharks destroying what and whom soever they will. If the American Congress has a spark of patriotism or a vestige of humanity left they will pass Mr. Livingston's bill and thus make an honest effort to stop the cruel robbery.

There is a barrel of comfort in the contemplation that while the endowment of the Chicago University for the pensioning of the retired professors—some of them—may be exorbitant pay for their doubtful service for good to the world, yet that the same pecuniary provision will not saddle the same sort, by succession, of mystics twisties and atheistics on the institution or the Christian community. A little relief, any way, thank the Lord.

This enquiry comes about, "What shall be done with Mr. Harriman and his mighty combination of railroads?" It seems to some of us who think we see a little out, that it would be well to resolve such a great combination into independent "blocks" and put each one under trained and capable captains for its management with stringent penal laws to control, or else turn the whole American population over to the undertakers and grave diggers.

It seems to be a fact that all celebrities do not belong to the same mutual admiration society. A boy was asked when Mr. H. W. Beecher was passing by who the gentleman was and answered "he is the brother of the woman who wrote Uncle Tom's Cabin." It is said that when Mr. B. and Mrs. Stowe heard of the incident they were both disposed to resent it as an indignity. It seems they both loved the nigger to kill but didn't love each other a thrip.

It is absolutely marvelous to observe how very little was made in our Sunday School Lessons in the closing of the old series and now of the beginning of the new, of the Christ who is by every token the sum and substance of them all. Little or no effort was made to show how He was the fulfillment of the promises, prophecies and symbols of the Old Testament and less now to make Him appear as God's remedy for sin as the "seed of the woman that was to crush the serpent's head."

We fear a little too much is being said about "Christian heroism" unless it is properly defined. It may not be the man who always speaks his mind regardless of conditions or circumstances—as men say—"hews to the line letting the chips fall wherever they will", but rather that one who is "strong in the Lord and in the power of His might" and can and will swear to his own hurt and change not." One of such will "chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight."

A certain high moral secular and religious magazine which assumes to purvey a saving form of religion on the line of intellectual and moral culture, gives a supposedly characteristic picture. The scene is a large dog lying in repose, a little cat crouching at its side and two other small and vicious-looking dogs standing at bay ready to pounce upon the cat and underneath in large letters the word "saved." One would say that the picture and the doctrine are hopelessly contradictory.

The claim of the Catholics that they number 20,000,000 members is more of an estimate than a real count. The chief source of augmentation in this country is largely by emigration, but herein their count is misleading. An immense per cent of that class laps out and become non-active and another large per cent turn Protestant. Then not a few christened children escape their meshes and obtain their freedom. Their real count is about 15,000,000, or 25 per cent less than their own figures.

Were Adam and Eve saved after they fell into sin and condemnation to death? It is a question often asked. We venture to think so after this fashion: God's promise that "the seed of the woman should crush the serpent's head" was the promise of the Christ and the skins with which God clothed them were no doubt taken from the sin offerings they had made betokening their faith in that Christ. Of course then they were saved and those coats of skins typified His righteousness. They believed God's promise.

There is just now a large lot of spurious and misleading religious (?) literature being put in circulation with a corrupting purpose and already evident effect, among our people, adroitly teaching salvation by culture rather than through faith in Christ. The plan is to make it very cheap and attractive and then offer large showy premiums and prizes to attract and entrap the unwary. Already more mischief is being done than some people think. The truth as it is in Christ is the antidote. Watch and pray and circulate it.

It is wonderful how strenuously some Sunday school note makers strive to show that salvation wholly or partly is by works. Because God had Noah to build the Ark himself in which he and his were saved, they argue that every one must do some part of the work by which he is saved. Now this can hardly be true because if so then the men that helped Noah to build the Ark were entitled also to be saved, whereas it seems they were not. Then again, if the Ark was a type of Christ and His salvation then as Noah was saved partly because he prepared the Ark then the Roman soldiers who crucified the Christ, and even the Scribes and Pharisees who aided and abetted it should have been saved by him for they prepared him by crucifixion to become the Savior of sinners. But despite the errors of foolish men it was by faith and faith alone that Noah was saved, and so are we.

Garrison Notes.

Dear Bro. Ed.—Ask the indulgence of your readers while I relate some things pertaining to the progress and growth of our Baptist cause at Gunnison during the past three years. It may encourage the heart and strengthen the faith of some who are now struggling against similar odds with which we have had to contend.

GROWTH OF MEMBERSHIP.

This has not been all that we wish. The membership is yet small. But three years ago it was much smaller. Our first conference consisted of the pastor and three women. From time to time we have received additions and suffered diminutions, so that we now stand upwards of forty strong, counting some who are yet to be formally received by letter, and besides these there are eight under discipline for non-affiliation.

OUR MEETINGS.

During this time we have had three. In the first we had Eld. S. W. Wesley, of Waxahatchee, Texas. At that time the odds were very queer against us. We were overwhelmed by those of another faith who for many years had occupied the ground alike. But the masterful preaching of Bro. Wesley did much to strengthen us to contest for the faith once for all delivered to the saints. At the close we baptized three. A year later at our regular service we baptized two. A few months following we had Eld. Geo. W. Shearer and wife. He did some faithful preaching and his wife sang gloriously. But these were merely days of seed-sowing to the unsaved. Our Father laid the honor of the harvest upon Bro. Bamber, one of our State evangelists. He and Bro. Reynolds, who is the singing wire with us recently, and we had nine for baptism. Our hearts rejoice over such a sight in Gunnison.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

It began with the pastor and eight little children. The enrollment is now above fifty, organized into four classes. And five of those recently baptized came out of one class—all honor to the faithful teacher, Bro. W. B. Breams. The school now gives each first Sunday offering to our orphanage.

BENEFOLENCES.

There has been continuous development along this line. The record stands thus: To missions in 1904, \$53.40; in 1905 to the same purpose, \$55.51; while last year it was to missions, \$228.37; to Seminary Students' Fund, \$25.00; to Mississippi College, considerably more than \$200.00 cash, besides notes, making a total for 1906 of something near \$500. And the first month of this year shows foreign missions \$22.50, and orphanage \$9.68.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS.

This began with the building of a parsonage on the sketchy installment plan, the church putting in a small amount of cash and borrowing the balance to be liquidated by the pastor in the way of rents. By beginning with this year the church has kindly relieved the pastor of

further payments. Along with this move was the purchase of a lot adjoining the church grounds. And then the church house has been improved at a cost of more than \$400, including the addition of a room for the pastor's study and Sunday school purposes.

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE.

It would hardly be just to leave out of count the part our State Board has had in building up our cause at Gunnison. And when we give credit to that agency we recognize our obligations to everyone who is a contributor to it. They stood by us in the days of weakness until January, 1906, when the church said, "We will go it alone."

A PASTOR WANTED.

The thought of it gives me sorrow, but in the providence of God I am going to leave. I do not hope ever to find a people more responsive to the pastor's leadership and more thoughtful of his interests. And now that the day of uncertain struggle is passed, the necessity of leaving makes me feel like I imagine Moses felt when after having led the people through the wilderness he could not take them into the promised land. Here under God, "who ever leadeth us in triumph," I have seen a church pass, step by step, from her swaddling clothes to garments of beauty and strength. They now face the future full of hope and with ever enlarging vision. Happy is the man who may be privileged to serve them! After this year the work here will justify full time. They now take half and Merigold half. The field pays \$900 and a home. If any brother feels led to consider the work we would be glad to hear from him at once.

If the Lord opens the way, my purpose is to go to Texas with the hope of finding more favorable conditions for carnal trouble. As to the general health of this place, I say in all sincerity that it is good.

R. C. Blalock.

Gunnison, Miss., Jan. 29, 1907.

Still Detained.

I am still detained in this country by the ill health of my wife. How long this will be the case I do not know. I may feel compelled to return to my work alone for a time, but this matter I cannot as yet decide. If I should go back in the early summer, my time in this country is short. If the brethren, especially in the southeastern part of Mississippi, want me they should use me soon. Brethren wishing me to visit their churches should communicate with me here. I am anxious to do all I can to give information about our work and to help in increasing the interest in foreign missions.

Dr. Willingham writes me that it will take \$270,000.00 to meet our debts and pay expenses up to the meeting of the convention, or rather to the closing of the books in April. Will not each member of our churches feel that it is his or her duty to help at once. This is our work, brethren, and each should feel that he or she is a missionary to work with those who are on the field.

Your brother in Christ,

C. E. Smith,
Missionary to Africa.

Roseland, La., Jan. 28, 1907.

Southwest Texas.

Dear Record.—Since you published my change of address to Brownsville, Tex., I have received inquiries that deserve answering, so beg space in your columns that I may the more conveniently reach the many. I am not in the employment of any real estate company, though have been offered several times a commission on any land that I might be instrumental in selling.

I have never accepted and am not identified with any, but if any of my readers should be induced to purchase land in this favored section, please tell the company that the sale is due to the pastor of the Brownsville Baptist church, and that the commission, whatever it might be will be acceptable to aid in building a parsonage, as Bro. Farish would say, for the Brownsville church. This is all the profit I ask.

THE CLIMATE.

Nine years ago, the orange trees were killed to the ground—growth was renewed and soon oranges were being produced again. The trees were full last December, and there are many on some trees now, Jan. 29, 1907, as there has been no frost this winter.

This I regard as good climatic evidence. The variety of citrus fruits, and sub-tropical nuts, is great—growth is rapid.

WINDS.

Are not so strong here as in the higher portions of the State, but frequent, and a relief when the sun shines hot.

THE SOIL.

Is rich and fertile, and land is priced according to location and improvement, ranging from \$4.00 to \$150.00 per acre. This can be bought in large or small tracts. City property is high, but will go higher, as this city is advancing.

All of this Rio Grande valley can be irrigated from the river. While irrigation is not practiced to a great extent, it is safe to know that such is possible if needed.

PRODUCTS.

Are many, and cotton, alfalfa, sugar cane are pronounced successes, with or without irrigation. Horticulture is profitable and will continue so, as the climate gives advantages not elsewhere claimed, while all the U. S. is an open market. Vegetables are being iced and shipped from here daily.

STOCK.

Thrive through the entire year. Grass is now green and cattle fat. Horses of all grades and prices. Fine mules or horses in demand. Cattle of many breeds, a few long-horns that Santa Ana left, while Jerseys, Durhams, Polled Angus, Herefords, etc.

Continuous grass makes dairying easy and profitable.

POPULATION.

Is mixed, being Mexican and American. The latter will soon be in the ascendancy and then Brownsville will move right onward and be the metropolis of Southwest Texas, while all the towns will advance. The Mexicans make good laborers and domestic servants. Some Mexicans are doing well in commercial life and in other professions.

SCHOOLS.

Both public and private are well patronized. The private, by Americans, as the Mexicans all go to the public schools. No greater work could be done by some of our Baptist teachers than to come and plant a school of high order in this southwest Texas, and southwest corner of the United States.

The military post that was abandoned by the famous 25th regiment would make fine grounds and ample buildings for any school. Uncle Sam might be induced to transfer them. There is talk of the Pan-American University being located here. This thought should both inspire and aspire some of our teachers to get on "the ground floor."

CHURCHES.

Are by name Catholic, Episcopal, Presbyterian and Baptist. The Catholic is by far stronger than all the rest numerically and financially. These two elements influence largely, but by faith much has been wrought, as Paul reports in the 11th of Heb., and much remains to be done. Will not each of your readers invoke divine blessings upon the struggling Baptists, send material help for the parsonage, and not a few come and cast their lot with us. The best mission work is to put "a living epistle" of saving grace and righteous living before men. Such used by the Holy Spirit will remove the kingdom of superstition and plant the kingdom of light as it is in the Lord.

I would not have the cause weakened in Mississippi, but there are those in the strong churches of the dear old State that could find a field commensurate for their consecration of means. This land with its Italian skies, its Nilotic soil, its salubrious climate will team with its millions of population, let Baptists possess the land and occupy it in the name of Him for whom all things were made.

The Macedonian cry is repeated, "Come over and help us."

L. R. Burress.

Brownsville, Tex.

P. S.—Brother S. C. Tucker and wife, formerly of Hattiesburg, are worthy, active, beloved and consecrated to the work. Bro. Tucker long the only male member. Bro. Petty of Tennessee was pastor. He and Sister P. wrought well. We send our united love to all Mississippi brethren.

L. R. B.

Our Young Preachers.

We have 60 of them at Mississippi College. Thus far very little money has come in for ministerial education this session. Considerable repairing had to be done last fall, and a servants' room and barn had to be built for the ministerial cottages. The general expense account of the Board is, therefore, now over \$500 short. If 10 churches would send in \$50 apiece or if 50 churches would send in \$10 apiece the amount could be quickly made up. If some of the brethren who believe in educating our young preachers will come to our help it will be highly appreciated. Very few churches in Mississippi give to ministerial education. In fact I received donations last year for this purpose from considerably less than 100 out of the 1,300 in the State. He who helps quickly helps twice.

Yours for the cause,

W. T. Lowrey.

The Wisdom of Being Prepared For Christ's Second Coming and the Folly of the Neglect of It—Illustrated by the Ten Virgins.

"He that hath the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice." The wise make preparation to stand with him, who is represented by the bridegroom; and to rejoice at his voice, when he shall come to earth again.

The wisdom of five of these ten virgins is shown, in their possessing lamps, oil vessels filled with oil, and being on time. They were fully prepared to furnish their part of the required light and brightness for the occasion. They were so amply prepared for the bridegroom's coming that they could safely sleep, while they waited. When the bridegroom came, they awoke, arose, trimmed their lamps, and went in with him to the marriage. They were shut in with him; and all that could mar their enjoyment was shut out. Their preparation, and enjoyment of him and the occasion was to his honor.

The foolish virgins had lamps; but had no oil. Though they had lamps, they could furnish no light; because they had no oil. Hence they were wholly unprepared for the coming of the bridegroom. To begin to prepare for an occasion, and stop before the preparation is completed, is to be wholly unprepared for that occasion. To have an unlighted lamp, when no lamp light is needed is to have a semblance of preparation for the time, when the lighted lamp will be needed. With this semblance of preparation these virgins seemed to be contented. They slept. So far as the record shows their sleep was as undisturbed as that of those, who were fully prepared for the occasion for which they waited.

There are so many people, who seem to be satisfied with membership in some church, as a preparation for Christ's coming. They seem to think that this is all the preparation that they need. They seem wholly without concern about that vital union with Christ which is so essential to a real preparation for His coming. Semblance of preparation satisfies. Such a one is duped by the devil.

These virgins were depending upon the preparation made by others to carry them through. "Give us of your oil, for our lamps have gone out." There are so many people, who seem to be satisfied, if they can truthfully say, My father was a good Christian, or my mother was such a good Christian, or my wife is one of the best Christians you ever saw; as though their father's, or mother's or wife's Christianity would carry them sweeping through the golden gates of the city of the redeemed.

Because these virgins were satisfied with a semblance of preparation, and were depending upon the preparation made by others for themselves, they put off personal preparation until it was too late to make it at all. "The door was shut." They were shut out of the festive hall; because they failed to make preparation while they had time. They were left in the darkness on the outside. O, it is awful to be shut out from a peaceful access to God!

How sad to have the offer of fellowship with God, and then to miss it because you did not accept the terms of reconciliation, while they were offered! O, to be shut out of heaven, because you refused to come unto Him who is the "way, the truth

and the life". Delay means death. "Why will ye die?" The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

J. R. Sumner.

Clinton, Miss.

S. S. Institute.

Evangelists Byrd and Leavel will hold a Sunday School Institute at Bassfield, Wednesday and night, before the fifth Sunday in March. All churches and Sunday schools adjacent thereto will take notice thereof and be governed accordingly.

J. E. Davis.

Mississippi Teachers Association.

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T. P. Scott, Sec.,
Brookhaven, Miss.

The teachers of the State will hold their annual meeting at Gulfport this year early in May. For years this has been the largest organized gathering in the State; the attendance will probably be larger this year than usual.

For several years past the attendance on the annual meeting of the State Teachers Association has exceeded the thousand limit. The officers announce that the Gulfport meeting set for May 2, 3 and 4 will probably be the largest ever held.

The meeting of the State Teachers Association at Gulfport in May will afford a welcome opportunity for hundreds of teachers to visit our coast for the first time. The meeting promises to be well attended.

It is now customary in most sections of the State for school boards and county superintendents to suspend their schools during the annual meeting of the State Teachers Association so that all teachers may attend.

Senatobia.

I have resigned the pastorate at Senatobia to take effect March 24th. I go to Urich, Mo. It is with sadness that I leave this noble church, one of the best in Mississippi. I am praying that God may direct them in the selection of an under-shepherd to break the Bread of Life to them and to the people. I hope he may be found before I shall leave. God has blessed this church during my ministry, for which I am thankful to him. May God bless the Record and all its readers.

Your brother,

J. F. SL

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Concerning Christian Union.

The great denominational papers, such as "The Christian Herald" and "The Home Herald" (the old Ram's Horn), are still trying to argue the Christian world into "Christian Union," so-called, and even claim that they see evident signs of its final consummation. They affect to think and insist that evident nearing of unity of thought on fundamental doctrines and the great revival movements are going on will certainly and at an early day succeed in "sounding up" the scattered and incongruous flocks of the universal Christian range. They seem, however, to have omitted or rather overlooked the two main points in their own equation in their anxious haste to "run the game to bay."

The first of these is that with one or two slight exceptions the denominations are and have always been agreed as to the fundamental doctrines of the Bible, the existence of God, the inspiration of the Bible, Jesus Christ as the divine Son of God, the person and work of the Holy Spirit, and consequently the Triune being of the Godhead and the essentiality of faith in Christ for salvation. These are the fundamental doctrines and have ever been by all peoples who call themselves Christians except perhaps the Unitarians, who deny the essential deity of the Sonship of Christ and hold, as do some of their apostate and schismatic offshoots, that salvation is by character and ethical culture rather than by faith in Christ as a Savior. The second consideration supposed to be hindrance on the coalescing of all Christians into one great heterogeneous whole is the widespread and glowing work of revivals that is now stirring up the people and Christians of all names in almost all places throughout our whole coun-

try in which Christians are getting close to the Lord and consequently closer to each other, nearing, as these editors seem to think, the mixing and cementing stage when all will be one.

They have evidently overlooked the fact that such seasons of revivals of religion have been oftentimes before such as prevailed in the days of Jacob, Napp, A. B. Earle, Mr. Moody and Sam Jones, and yet there was no sort of drawing together as these newspaper prophets seem to see as near at hand today. Then the most striking and suggestive thing about nearly all of these revival leaders was that they were either Baptists or in close sympathy with the Baptists, and yet were all devoted to the idea of cultivating or at least not hindering the growth of the union sentiment. It would seem then if union revival work is one of the prime factors or instrumentalities to bring about the much talked of union, as so little has been accomplished by such work in the past, then very little more need be expected from the same source in the future.

But let us say in conclusion just this word once for all that if Christian union is desirable and practicable it must come, if ever it does, by first, last and always a hearty and free will union on the Book in faith and practice. True religion is, if anything at all, made up of what we believe and what we do, and as the New Testament contains the whole constitution and code with apostolic interpretations, essential scriptural and acceptable union can only be had by every discussion of Christianity, accepting and making it their one and certain rule of faith and practice. The talk of a lot of monied churchmen with Dr. Hillis helping, about forming a churchly trust after the usual commercial fashion and compelling church unity by the freezing and starving out powers, in order to save money, is all very fine, but the trouble in the way of such sharper like sagacity is that God yet lives and it is no less a fact now than ever that "the Lord God omnipotent reigneth" and He is the king in Zion; yet as ever and He will see to it that His word and will cannot be ignored to obliterate His chosen people by fusing them with the disobedient sects.

Perhaps the most famous evidence of coming Christian union and indeed the only admissible one is the general and widespread study of the Bible. There can be no doubt that the true meaning of the word of God is getting into the minds and hearts of all honest Bible students, notwithstanding the fanatic efforts of some leaders and teachers to the contrary and by and by in God's good time His people shall all come to "see eye to eye and believe the same thing" and being led by the Holy Spirit and sustained by the grace of God they will come together on the one platform of "one Lord, one faith and one baptism" like "doves flocking to their windows" and the glad millennial day will be at hand. Amen.

"Even so come Lord Jesus."

Dr. Palmer, professor of Bible Study in the Jackson College (col.), is going through deep waters. He had gone to New England to be with his wife while she underwent a surgical operation. The operation was performed on Friday, and she died on Sunday morning following. We extend sympathy to our brother in his sad bereavement.

An Abomination Under the Sun.

The following so-called prayer is taking the rounds now. Doubtless many of our readers have received a duplicate of the following, or at least a similar letter: "I am sending you what is called the endless chain of prayer. It is as follows: O Lord Jesus Christ, we implore thee to have mercy on all mankind. Keep us from sin by thy blood, and teach us to love thee eternally. This prayer was written by Bishop Lawrence, recommending it to be sent to nine other persons. He who will not send it will be afflicted by some misfortune. He who will send it, commencing on the day it is received, will, on the ninth day, receive a great blessing. Hoping you will be able to pass it on and receive your blessing," &c.

The above form of prayer, per se, is sound and appropriate always and anywhere, by any one. But the subjoined words are a presumption and a shame, and are either a willful falsehood or the outgrowth of dense ignorance and gross superstition. It is possible that, if one does not comply with the request, he "will be afflicted with some misfortune," but the affliction will not come because of disobedience to the request. It is also possible that, if one does heed the request, he may, "on the ninth day receive a great blessing," but no sane person could be persuaded that the blessing came because the prayer (?) was sent. The whole thing is mere bosh. It is a hallucination, or an emission from a corrupt heart. So the person who becomes entrapped by such a scheme is to be pitied, because a victim of so transparent a delusion of the Devil. Apart from the moral effect of such misdirected energy, it would be a poor economic measure. It would require an hour to write all these copies, five cents worth of stationery, and 18 cents for stamps—all for nothing. It has been said by one who was something of a wit, even if a little off the wag, that people love to be gulled. In the light of human action, this identical thing does seem true. This delusion is on a par with that other one that a man, a mere man, can forgive sins. It almost seems to one who is at all acquainted with God's word and ways that one who could really believe that a mere man can forgive the sins of his fellowman is not a sinner at all, because not accountable for his conduct. Such a doctrine is both unscriptural and unreasonable, but fearfully blighting to character and real piety.

If such a communication as we give in the opening of this article should reach you, take the advice of one who watches for and desires the welfare of souls, and promptly and surely break the "chain."

By the way, this is the best opportunity we have ever yet come across to say a thing or two about "chain letters" in general.

The gravest charge against those who are moved by these letters to give, do so without the proper motive. And the moral quality of an action goes up or down in the scale according to the motive prompting it. Generally those who give something upon receipt of chain letters, do so to save the feelings of the person sending the letter. We have always felt upon the receipt of one of these letters, that the writer had taken an unfair advantage of us. The result has generally been embarrassment considerably tinged with provocation. We are sure our little experience with this "genus scribendi" has never

improved our morals or piety. The writers of these letters not only take the advantage of their acquaintances and many times greatly embarrass them, but they do more. These letters are so worded as to make the recipient feel that it would be a breach of common etiquette to break the chain, if not indeed an outright sin.

We are entirely willing to grant that many writers of these letters under misguided ideas and misleading advice have verily felt that they were doing God's service.

Many good people, very careful to settle the worthiness of the object, go sadly adrift in their methods for accomplishing it.

There are at present 60 ministerial students in Mississippi College.

Dr. A. P. Montague, president of Howard College, will deliver the baccalaureate address before Mississippi College, at next commencement.

An aged widow, somewhat prominent in Christian Science circles, was run over by a heavy coal truck in Chicago, last week, and almost instantly killed. So after all it appears that matter does figure much in human life.

Pastor Yarborough being unwell, Dr. W. T. Lowrey occupied the pulpit of the First Baptist church. He preached an eminently practical sermon from Matt. 6:1. "Take heed that ye do not your righteousness before men, to be seen of them."

Dr. Geo. W. Truett of Dallas, Texas, has accepted an invitation to preach the commencement sermon of Furman University and Greenville Female College, at the approaching commencement. Great blessings are in store for all who hear him.

Rev. S. A. Wilkinson, formerly of Mississippi, now of Doniphan, Mo., has accepted a call to the church at Columbia, and will begin the work March 1st. Dr. Wilkinson is a brother-in-law of Prof. Aven of Mississippi College. It affords us pleasure to extend to Bro. Wilkinson a hearty welcome back home.

The Missionary Conference will hold its centennial session at Shanghai, China, April 25-May 5. That date will be 100 years from the time Robert Morrison began missionary work in China. Following this general conference there will be a meeting of all the Baptist missionaries in China. An effort is being made to induce as many to go as can do so. Of our Southern Baptists Joshua Levering, of Baltimore, and Messrs. Teasdale and Allen, of St. Louis, have expressed their purpose to go. The approximate cost of the trip will be \$1,000, while the time required to make the trip will be from three to five months. Missionary J. W. Lowe suggests that pastors take up this matter, and try to get laymen to attend this very important gathering.

The Committee of the General Convention of the Baptists of North America in co-operation with the Virginia Committee concerning the proposed Baptist exhibit at Jamestown, are urging the authorities of Baptist universities, colleges, theological seminaries and schools of high academic grade to assist in making the exhibit as complete as possible. Each school will

have to defray the incidental expenses of its own exhibit, including the pictures, frames, expressage, and the charge of \$1.00 per square foot for space. It is suggested that the pictures be put in substantial oak frames, about 2 by 3 feet; and that each frame have a screw-eye with flexible wire, and a cord to which shall be securely attached a catalogue of the institution. Directly below the group of the faculty or in a separate frame should be a printed card, giving the name, location, when founded, number of instructors, present enrollment, whole enrollment from the beginning, volumes in library, number of buildings, value of property, and amount of endowment. Missionary or other organizations desiring representation should indicate at once how much space is desired. Do not fail to report to Dr. H. L. Morehouse, 312 Fourth avenue, New York City, on or before Feb. 20th, your purposes and wishes.

It was our great pleasure to mingle with the preachers and others who attended the Northeast Mississippi Bible Institute last week at Sherman. The local and lay attendance was the largest we have seen at any similar meeting, and the interest manifested could hardly have been surpassed. Rev. R. A. Kimbrough, of Tupelo, was re-elected president and Rev. W. A. Jordan, of Amory, secretary. The first nine chapters of the book of Romans constituted the subject matter of the addresses delivered, except the excellent one of Dr. G. M. Savage, acting president of the Southwestern Baptist University, on The Holy Land.

Nearly all the work in the Institute was done by home men. Except Dr. Savage, already named, there were only three visitors present, Rev. A. J. Preston, Jasper, Ala.; Rev. J. W. Lee, Grenada, and the editor of The Baptist Record. Among those whom we expected, but missed, were Revs. R. A. Cooper, Jeff A. Rogers and J. D. Jameson, the new pastor at Okolona. Without exaggeration, the addresses were of an unusually high order, evincing close study and thorough preparation.

Another new pastor in that section is Rev. E. L. Wesson, who contributed much to the interest of the meeting. We had the best of entertainment in the home of Bro. McNeill and his niece, Miss Nannie Cypert. Also we spent some time in the home of Bro. Dayton Tucker and his hospitable family. Deacon A. J. Brown, of Aberdeen, was present and added much to the occasion.

Signs of Promise.

January is past and the first month of the new year fraught with so much of promised cheer to the rehabilitating of the storm swept churches has made its record. That record is a disappointing one to the brethren who are most interested, for the great mass of our churches did not take the matter seriously enough to have any part in it. At this writing there have been received 101 gifts from churches and associations and individuals aggregating \$1,177.25. I had hoped that the list including November and December gifts would have been in Record, as it was sent to the office two weeks ago. I can only say here what I have already said, if your church is not represented may I not ask that you will at least for yourself send something to help in this good work. I

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can not urge it further, for the time is out and the great mission months are now upon the churches, and we must turn our attention to this cause with increased vigor and determination to reach the largest results ever yet achieved. There are some hopeful signs pointing to a larger missionary interest that encourage the belief that we will do larger things in the State. It was my pleasure to spend a Sunday at Clinton and witness a collection for State missions that more than doubled the last one for this cause, while news comes from Crystal Springs of the salary for foreign missionary having been reached in the collection. At Moss Point the home mission collection scored \$86.23, while Biloxi moved up the figures to \$90.32. Terry and Bethesda, long associated with the sainted Pettigrew, but now having the ministry of J. A. Lee, together send \$61.45 to same cause. Brookhaven adds \$163.21 balance on foreign missionary's salary, and at same time \$47.45 to home missions, and a remembrance of the old preachers of \$14.75, and then the hearts of the women went out in sympathy of \$10.00 for the homeless churches. The W. M. U. has been more active than usual in the Christmas offering for China, as is shown by the following list: Chapel Hill, \$8.00; Unity, \$8.85; Sumrall, \$15.00; Roxie, \$4.00; Louisville, \$10.00; Jackson, 1st, \$44.40; New Albany, \$16.75; Gulfport, \$11.00; Crystal Springs, \$10.00; Brooksville, \$5.00; Okolona, \$10.00; Sharon, \$3.50; Pilgrim's Rest, \$1.55; Wiley, \$3.25; Seminary, \$5.00; Gloster Galilee, \$30.00; Tupelo, \$15.75. The following W. M. U.'s have responded to the appeal in behalf of our storm swept churches, for which I am especially thankful, for sorer need never claimed the consideration of our people: Central, Coldwater, \$5.00; Spring Hill, \$5.00; Oxford, \$5.85; Coffeeville, \$5.00; Iuka, \$10.00; Fellowship, \$5.00; Brookhaven, \$10.00; Water Valley, \$10.00. The following to Colon: Vicksburg, Calvary, \$5.00; West Point, \$5.80, and the following to Italian Compound: McComb City, \$2.50; Oxford, \$5.00; Indianola, \$2.50; Itta Bena, \$5.00; Jackson, 1st, \$10.00; Tupelo, \$6.60; Gloster, \$5.00.

A. V. Rowe.

When our people learn that divorce, that curse of clean and pure society, is not a local issue but a national evil and that only uniformity of State laws can correct it, then we may have some relief.

Chronicles.

A. A. D.

Conventions and Associations are not recognized in the New Testament. Baptists have always contended for the independence of the churches. Hence they never delegate their power very early, however, engaging in consultations and seeking advice. This was, of course, interrupted during the long period of persecutions; but when they were enabled to "come out of the wilderness," it became possible to have conferences.

When organizations became necessary to carry out Christ's commission more fully, Associations as now constituted were organized—composed of messengers from the churches, without power farther than to suggest and advise. In other words: it was co-operation. It was only by this means that they could obey the Lord's command, and He did not direct the method, nor lay out their plans for work. Only this—the methods and plans must not conflict with the teachings of the Word of God.

Co-operation, restricted, therefore, is not unscriptural. Churches of the same faith and order can be largely benefited thereby. In cities and communities where there are a number, co-operation is almost indispensable to prosperity. It avoids all kinds of collisions and cultivates harmony and helpfulness. The idea of one church and another is very pretty; but is from a strained interpretation of a passage or two in the New Testament. Its result has been to set one minister over another, or over many others, leading to hierarchy and nepotism.

Under certain circumstances, co-operation with other Christians may be very beneficial on points of agreement. Take, for example, the temperance cause, and the Sunday school work along certain lines. Much may be learned by discussion of plans and methods. This does not involve union, nor the entrance of denominational questions or differences. The International Sunday School Convention is perfectly free of all such encroachments.

Great changes have occurred in the last half century. The Sunday school, now, has advanced to grades, and requires separate rooms, for persons of all ages are expected to attend, and the lessons are printed with comments, etc. Innovations have been creeping in, such as responsive readings, including repetition of what is called the "Lord's Prayer," and the "Ten Commandments"—the latter from the Judaic dispensation. There is a tendency to accept the teachings of men, without thorough investigation of the Word, especially if the speaker be a pastor and scholar. The "means" were more noble; for they would not take the declarations of Paul; but preached the Scriptures daily to see what the things were.

In Sunday school work, the co-operation of the church, the pastor and the superintending is a necessity for usefulness. Then other changes are required for success; organization, education and visitation. It is a most important department of the church work. Teachers should know how to teach and should teach the truth to pupils, without neglecting to look after absentees. Reading schools now have: "The Cradle Roll," the "Adult Bible Class," and the "Home Department". Suppose we do some investigation along these lines?

Philadelphia.

I have been thinking for some time that I would give a notice of our work in the town of Philadelphia.

I came here Jan. 1, 1906. We had a membership of 20 to start with, and an old dilapidated house to worship in. Believing that God was in the work, we gathered our forces together, obeying the injunction from God, go forward, we started the work. We now have a membership of 40, and a beautiful house to worship in. I wish to say just here the secret of building churches is just like everything else in God's work—faith in God and being holy, set apart in the work. My brethren and friends told me that they did not believe we could do the work, and at one time the few that had encouraged me in the work said: "We can't do the work; let's quit for this year." I prayed to the God of heaven. Then I called the forces together and said unto them, "We can build the house." And I continued to work, and sometimes had the committee together every day. I never settled on any one thing in the work but what it was carried by the committee. The Lord kept adding to us in numbers, and we had the house ready for our protracted meeting in September.

Was it done without an effort. No, my whole heart, time and thought was in the work, and I was in the field raising money. I sacrificed everything for the work. Did not study but little, at the same time preached four times a month at this place and conducted prayer-meeting every Thursday night. We are owing some on the house, but the good brethren told me a few days ago that they thought they could go ahead with the work now and wanted me to give my time in pastoral work and studying. This is the close of the first month in the new year, and seven strong members added to the church this month. This is a good town and growing very fast. I believe this is one of the best fields in this section of the country. This church is just as true to their pastor as they are able to be. The good sisters are now at work furnishing the church with organ, pulpit and pulpit chairs. I write this not to sound the trumpet, but that it may help some struggling church and pastor. May the Lord bless every pastor, every worker, every organ, every church and every member that we may do the greatest year's work of our lives this year for the cause of our blessed Savior who died for us.

E. J. Hill.

Preachers' Institute.

Dear Baptist Record:—I have just enjoyed a season of blessed refreshing in the "Ministers' Institute", gotten up and exploited by Brethren Miley, Culpepper, Sansing, Chapman and others especially for the benefit of the preachers of the General Association.

The gathering of the shepherds was at Newton, the central metropolis of the State, on Monday to Friday, the 14th to 18th; was attended by about 50 preachers all told and was an immense success.

Dr. McGlothlin of the Seminary at Louisville, Ky., gave eleven very fine lectures on the beginning, progress and establishment of the Christian church as rising with Christ our Savior and carried forward by the intrepid Paul and his loyal helpers to large proportions until the great Apostle

had finished his splendid work and then went home to glory.

Dr. McGlothlin would seem to be a born teacher, as every movement, utterance and expression comes as natural as the birds and blossoms of the spring, the rippling waters of the brooks in the shady dell, or the singing of the birds among the leafy bowers. I am sure he has the hearts of all of the young men of his classes and that he wields a moulding and an uplifting influence to large and blessed things with those prospective under shepherds of the great Master's flock. An hour or two was given every day to a pastors' conference, in which every vital and current subject, such as relate to ministerial development, training young Christians and the larger promotion of mission work, were freely and intelligently discussed by the brethren, out of which there must come much enlargement of Christian life and ministerial efficiency. It was too good to be missed; everybody should have been there. The brethren are planning to repeat the function, I believe more than once in the course of the year, and I am sure if everybody could know of the promise of good there is in it very many more would flock to the assembly. I only wish there could be such meetings in every part of the State.

When I left Forest last Monday the pastor's home had nearly materialized, and that flock of the Lord's saints are nearly ready to enlarge their borders and strengthen their stakes by doubling their services and taking a pastor to abide in their midst. Great credit is due, among others to Bro. Jeff. Kent and his excellent wife, "Miss Bessie", for the inception and earnest pushing of this movement of genuine progress.

In love, your brother,

J. A. H.

Intemperance.

There is no subject that has been more preached upon or debated in our councils than the intemperate use of whiskey, termed alcohol. The first evidence we have of a state of drunkenness is that of Noah in the Bible. He planted him a vineyard and took a little too much wine and accidentally, I suppose, got foolish. This pleased Ham, and a curse was passed upon him for the enjoyment he got out of the first spree on record. A servant of servants thou shalt be unto thy brethren, &c. In our day we see something of this kind around our own grogshops, a foolish person drunk and a lot of Hamites pleased at the foolish words spoken by the drunken beast. A curse amounted to something in this early day, but now the force and meaning of the word has been so moderated that this hydra-headed monster comes out in broad daylight and mocks the world for the amount of piety that is in it. Why is this? Is it because we have church members and good men outside that wink, or throw their influence to the wet side of this uneconomic question—when it seeks to undermine and destroy all denominational lines and every thing that is decent and lovely upon the face of the earth. We read in a back number of the Baptist Record, Who Created the Devil? But can't discuss further than to say that we have him here in full harness, and that he has the cheek to say that to legislate against sin is fanaticism pure and simple. This doctrine enables the political demagogue, as this is the popular side, to

reckon his chances for the spoils, and the little brown jug is too small to meet the demands on certain occasions. Then here is the selfish lawyer counting his profits out of criminal suits; and in comes Christmas, when all take a hand at being merry, not like Noah, accidentally; but wilfully, notwithstanding this curse was put upon drunkenness at the very beginning. If one wanted testimonials, Satan himself could show them in the way of asylums for the poor, deaf and dumb institutes, insane asylums, wrecks on trains, and a thousand other maladies, for it is written that the iniquities of the fathers will be visited to the fourth or fifth generation. It is very evident that there is an increased accumulation of charitable institutions at such rapid rate that the same will not be able in the near future to meet the demands made upon them. This Bancho's ghost of a thing will not down or get old and threadbare, for it is growing to be the real popular side of a prime economic question that gives stability and backbone to all lines of industry; for what account is one worth lying in the gutter? Dissipation will learn one to steal. Men will steal their wife's jewelry and sell it to get drunk, and we know a handsome young man who paid a negro 25 cents to keep some old sow and pigs from eating him up while drunk. This is getting pretty low down, but not the last round on the ladder, but a fair illustration of human depravity, that brings tears from fathers and mothers all over our great expanse of country. Language fails to have words to express condemnation for the liquor traffic. I am very much of the opinion that when we look at this monster evil with indifference there is a wanting of conscientious convictions or a theoretical notion that there is no God to punish an erring individual, people or nation. Astronomers tell us of dead worlds that are uninhabited, and we are literally dead when we conclude that there is no law giver that watches over the destinies of men and nations. If lightning was to kill as many victims in one year as the liquor traffic does the nations of the world would be startled at the enormity of the evil, when death by the one is no worse than the other. The strongest piece of philanthropy I know is the state or national government prohibiting the distilleries and negroes in riding over the sublime subject of intelligent self government lowering the standard of genuine statesmanship and giving over the country to ruffians and wine-bibbers or wrapped in an iron shroud that shortens every Seventh day until a coffin is in sight on the Seventh, and we have a dead dog. My couch is too short and covering too light to wrap myself up in. M. Chance.

Liquor Advertisements.

The National Liquor Dealers Association buys advertising space in all the metropolitan dailies, which it fills, not with advertisements, but reading matter prepared by agents employed for that purpose and paid for at advertising rates as ordinary news. The writer reads four dailies, published in four different States, and he saw in these papers of the same date, "Plea for the canteen—Views on drink expressed by woman doctor", sent out from Washington Jan. 28th, or bears that date, came out in the dailies of the 29th to look like it was wired to all of them. To think of what woman is or should be does not seem possible for her to become a party

to these advertising schemes and of the association. In this advertisement of the Liquor Dealers Association this "woman doctor" says: "As a woman and as a physician, I deplore the horrible results making a man seek his amusements where he is likely to fall a prey to the worst temptations, and so I wish you speedy success in re-establishing the canteen saloon in the American army." Rats. Rats.

W. H. Patton.

Shubuta, Miss., Jan. 29, 1907.

Pastor's Reception and the Outlook.

All who know me know so well my conservative spirit that I am sure they have not been bothered about my delay in writing of my reception by the kind people of New Albany and the Baptist church.

Let me say it sincerely, that we never were more kindly received by any people nor any church. Wet and muddy as it was when we came, they gave us a reception at the church, and met us in the real spirit of Christianity and Baptist big-heartedness; and best of all we closed the reception with a prayer service for God's presence, blessings and guidance during the whole year. We actually felt the presence of God in that service. Then on Christmas eve they welcomed us in the home and gave us man yof the substantial things we needed there. God bless them. From the first our services have been good, the Sunday school is splendid, the prayer meetings helpful, and the kind spirit of the entire people all that we could desire. We are all praying for a real, old time, revival; and some of us are already beginning to believe it is coming. We begin our campaign for home and foreign missions next Sunday. Pray God to help us do our best. This is an important center; a growing place; pray God to guide us and bless us and make us a blessing.

E. L. Wesson.

New Albany, Miss.

A Report and An Appeal From Crystal Springs.

Our church closed the year of 1906 with gratitude and thanksgiving for the growth enjoyed, the progress made and the victories won in His name; and we enter the new year full of hope and courage and resolution. It is our purpose to look upward, march onward and reach outward in all directions for the glory of our Lord and the growth of His kingdom. "Our very best for Jesus every day," is our motto, and "all the gospel for every creature" is our mission.

The 3rd Sunday was a gracious day with us. It was foreign mission day with our church and, by request of the Foreign Mission Board, was foreign mission day for our Sunday school, also. The Lord gave us lovely weather, that really seemed to invite every appreciative soul to be reverent, worshipful and magnanimous. At 9 o'clock Sunday morning, the teachers gathered for the usual teachers' meeting. Every teacher was present with a loving heart and a smiling face, and the Lord gave us some precious moments together. We did not carry out the program suggested by the Board, but studied the regular lesson as given in the quarterly, and at the close made an offering to foreign missions. We had our largest attendance at Sunday school that morning—142, and their gifts amounted to fifty-five dollars. About two months ago, our Sunday school

gave forty dollars to the Orphans' Home. It seems a real joy to the school to make special offerings to these and similar causes. How many other Sunday schools, with the same attendance, are doing as well? I hope there are others, and that they will tell us of their work.

The pastor preached to unusually large congregations, both morning and evening, of this missionary day. Nothing had been said, either publicly or privately, about going up in our gifts to \$500.00, the salary of a missionary; but the pastor had been reading and thinking and praying and calculating along this line, and, with our Lord's commission, as given by Mark, as a text, and with the Holy Spirit's help, he appealed to the people, for the glory of Christ, for the sake of the poor lost heathen, and for their own joy and growth, to give \$500.00 for this glorious cause; and thank God! the people had a mind to give. And we expect soon, to have this amount in the hands of Secretary Willingham.

If Mississippi Baptists fail to meet their obligations to Jesus Christ and a lost world, if our Foreign Mission Board is forced to report a debt, when we meet in Richmond, the blame and shame of such a condition will, with entire justice, fall most heavily and severely on the ministry, for these are God's appointed leaders of His chosen people. My brother pastor, ours is a holy calling, a glorious mission, and kingly service! Are we doing our best to be loyal to Jesus, faithful to our mission, useful to God's people and helpful to the world? If not, why not?

Ye 115,000 white Baptists of Mississippi, listen to God's call for volunteers: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us." Listen to the cry of need, "Sir, I have no one to help me." Listen to the call for help, "Come over . . . and help us." Hear the pathetic words of Jesus, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields . . . white already unto harvest." Listen to God's invitation and opportunity's challenge; "Behold, I have set before thee an open door." Listen to the exhortation of our missionaries, "Brethren, pray for us and give us more laborers and better equipment." Hear the plea of our Board in Richmond for \$270,000 by April 30th. Hear anew, the not yet obeyed command of our risen Savior and reigning Lord, "Go . . . and preach the gospel to every creature", followed by His encouraging and assuring promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." With these calls and cries, these pleas and appeals, these exhortations and commands all locked up in our hearts, let us seek our closets, ye ministers of the gospel, and wait on our knees ye churches of the King till love and consecration shall fully possess us and generous gifts shall fill the Lord's treasury.

Yours for loyal living and royal giving for our King and his kingdom,

J. Wesley Dickens.

Jan. 28th, 1907.

Liberty, Ala., Oct. 27th, 1906.

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An Experience.

Forty-five years ago today I made my first advent into the world. I was born a farmer's son, and grew up in the faith of Genesis 3:19, "In the sweat of thy face thou shalt eat bread, till thou return to the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." Later, I found that God was talking about Adam. He was giving him a lecture, and told him what his fate would be for his disobedience. I knew I was also disobedient, for God wanted me to love and serve Him, and I had never sought Him through Christ. Then I learned that I could not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeded out of the mouth of God. Then I had a realization, as the poet would say: "It is not all of life to live, nor all of death said worship God. Through moral and religious training I was led into a knowledge of Christ who died that I might live, and to live in Christ was Eternal Life. I also learned that to obtain Eternal Life I must die a death, and to die in the Lord was great gain; but in order to die in the Lord I must first die out of sin. To do this, I must have help from above. I thought again; I heard the Lord's voice. He said: "Look unto Me, and be ye saved all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." This took me in, and I looked. When I was 17 years old I was born again, I was born of the water and of the Spirit. This birth gave me newness of life which will never end, but shall continue until the fullness of time, and then it shall have just begun. Still I have something to learn, and much more to do.

After a long time I learned that to live for myself was a life mis-spent, and that life was too short to waste. I sought work to do in my Master's vineyard, but to me I saw others, many others, more suitable and better qualified than I, so I waited, and I waited, and waited. While waiting I was thinking and reading, and reading and thinking. Then God said, "Ye have robbed me," and you are still robbing me. I have given you Eternal Life, you have given me nothing; bring in your tithes, that there may be meat in mine house. Prove your faith by your works, then I will fill your heart so full that there shall not be room enough to receive it. After I was past twenty I accepted this offer. It went well, and I had hope that it was my life thinking. At last I saw where God said "Go." Although this "Go" grew much larger, and looked different, still I thought He might be talking to some one else, but when I read "Ye" on my knees, I thought it must mean me, so I went.

Now if I should serve God through fear of being punished, my services would not be acceptable, but I must serve Him in love. If I should serve Him as my old nature would suggest, surely I would serve Him at home with you, but if I serve Him through love I must follow His call.

So now I am here, and the field is white and ready to harvest. The grain is ripe and must be reaped; if we wait the storms will come, and much be lost while we sleep. O my God, give us ten thousand to tell these the way of Life.

J. M. Oxner.

Ping-tu, Shan-tung, China,
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President Roosevelt.

President Theodore Roosevelt has done many things I could endorse, and he has done some things I could not endorse, among them when the Associated Press announced that Adolphus Busch, owner and proprietor of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association of St. Louis, Mo., a few days ago was stricken with a case of pneumonia, that the chief executive of the nation should feel that he should wire a message of sympathy. He of course has contributed large sums of money to the campaign fund to elect Mr. Roosevelt to the high office he holds, and too he has thousands of saloons that he has established to have sell his beer. The saloonist and bartenders have votes Mr. Busch can control, and the trade would feel kindly to the President to know that as soon as the first signal of the bodily distress of their great brewer was known to him, the machinery of the great government of the United States was stopped still in order to convey to this home despot who is a creator of a million drunkards, the founder of hundreds of wine rooms where thousands of girls who were once "somebody's darlings", spending their lives in shame who could trace their first false step to the wine rooms attached to his beer gardens. And Richard Bartholdt, a Congressman whom the people elected to make laws for them, wired the President that their pet was recovering.

There has been hundreds better men than this brewer that have died leaving wives and children unprovided for whom Mr. Busch was instrumental in hurrying to their long home that the helpless family never received a word of sympathy. At the time Mr. Busch received this sympathetic message from Mr. Roosevelt there were thousands of beer eyed, beer bloated in St. Louis who could trace their misery to the man that touched the President's sympathy. Hundreds of miserable orphan children whose misery was brought about by the beer sold their parents by his henchmen. There were in the same city hundreds of poor, miserable mothers with no hand to minister to their wants caused by this beer sold their lord. There was at the time this message was sent thousands of beer bloated all over the United States spending their days behind the bars for theft, murder, arson, burglary, and almost every other crime brought about by the drinking that which Mr. Busch claims to be the greatest producer. These poor unfortunate creatures could not pay \$50,000 into the campaign fund and could not control the votes, and they never touched the sympathy of this great man. The old adage, "Money makes the mare go". Money is power.

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May grace be given that I may walk therein,
Not like the hireling, for his selfish gain,
With backward glances and reluctant tread,
Making a merit of his coward dread,
But, cheerful, in the light around me thrown,
Walking as one to pleasant service led,
Doing God's will as if it were my own,
Yet trusting not in mine, but in His strength alone.

J. G. Whittier.

Our Mission Study for February
—Two Vital Republics, Brazil and Argentina.

Phillips Brooks says: "The Christian life without the foreign mission idea is a mingled and imperfect thing. To give the Savior to others is to make Him more thoroughly our own."

South America has been called the neglected continent, in a religious sense, and this is true, perhaps, because it has the name of being a Christian continent. But, alas, this is true only in name. The United States of Brazil covers an area almost as large as our country, with Texas given a double place. The form of government was modeled after that of our United States. In this vast territory, there are only about eighteen millions of people; two millions are the native Indians, heathen of the lowest type; two millions are negroes, while the remaining sixteen millions are a mixture of various nations. About one hundred years ago, Henry Martyn stopped at Brazil, on his way to India, and feeling the spiritual needs of this people, spoke these favorite words: "What happy missionary shall be sent to bear the name of Christ to these Western regions? When shall this beautiful country be delivered from idolatry and spurious Christianity? Crosses there are in abundance, but where shall the doctrine of the cross be held up?" In part have these heart-questions been answered, by the going forth of a goodly number of Christian heralds. They are our Mexican missionary who boring now to lift up Christ, and lives in our town. I have been praying that he may "draw all men unto Him. But there remains one, but not yet has one come yet much land to be possessed. The enemies of a pure gospel are yet very strong.

Argentina is our youngest mission field, and is now occupied by ten hopeful workers, sent by

the Southern Baptist Convention. The Reverend John F. Thomson, for forty-five years a resident of that country, speaks of it in the following enthusiastic words: "Argentina is a land of plenty, plenty of room and plenty of food. If the actual population were divided into families of ten persons, each would have a farm of eight square miles, with ten horses, fifty-four cows, and 186 sheep, and after they have eaten their fill of bread, they would have half a ton of wheat and corn to sell or send to the hungry nations." The political and religious conditions are very much like those of Brazil. The government is republican and the state religion is Roman Catholic. The climate is said to equal that of California, and may be an asylum for those suffering with pulmonary troubles.

Mrs. Julia T. Johnson, Clinton, Mississippi.

My Dear Mrs. Johnson—You will find enclosed a letter from the missionary to whom the W. M. S. of Senatobia Baptist church sent a box on November 30th. You may use the letter as you see fit.

Sincerely yours,
(Miss) Elizabeth Mabry,
Secretary.
Senatobia, Miss., Jan. 16, 1907.

Alice, Texas, Jan. 11, 1907.
Dear Miss Mabry—The missionary box has come. In the last eight years we have received four or five boxes, and appreciated all of them, and some of them were very nice, but I must say that this is the finest one of all—the best I ever saw. My wife appreciated, especially, the ready made garments. She is not often able to sew much. Your thoughtful kindness—I mean all who had a hand in it—has saved her much painful labor. But since we have your prayers and good wishes, I think you will be glad to know that her health is better of late than for quite a time.

And another thing: Some days before the box came she said, "I wish we had asked for some home dried apples." So you can guess she was glad to find some in the box. And they are good—we have tried them.

I wish I could tell you how much we appreciate the box. The pleasure is far greater, and above any money value that could be placed on the box—though that was considerable. I wish I could tell you how much we appreciate the box. The pleasure is far greater, and above any money value that could be placed on the box—though that was considerable.

Let me assure you that in all the coming years we shall remember you people. There are some things that one can never

forget, as, for instance about three years ago, some good souls in Virginia sent us a box; and in it a suit for me, the money for which was collected by a blind woman, and then she sent us \$10.00 to help us build the Lord's house.

I want to ask you people to pray that the Lord may send a great awakening revival to our church here, and over this needy section. There has begun a move that is now bringing in a good many new people to our section of the State. Some of them are good people—a family of Mississippi people came last week—but some of them are not helpful religiously.

May it please God to bless every one of you, and prosper you in every good thing to which you shall put your hands, and make your lives ever increasingly happy and useful.

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Judge Niles.

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Parents should be more watchful after their boys, know that they are in their rooms at night and see that their breath is not tainted with liquor. Boys are allowed much more liberties now than they were when I was a boy, and more of them are going to the bad on account of it.

W. H. P.

Alabama.

Liquor interests in Alabama are greatly aroused over the favorable report in the House of the State Legislature by the temperance committee of the local option bill, and can see nothing but visions of an up-hill fight to defeat the bill, with odds against them.

There are several hundred saloonists in Mobile and they are like all other saloon men, defiant of the law, and it is claimed the strong sentiment in favor of the bill to the disregard the saloon men of the laws. Under the proposed measure of the Anti-Saloon League a saloon keeper is required to have a petition signed by 25 per cent of the free holders of the county before a license is issued. And if a county votes "wet" liquor can only be sold at the points where now sold. Whereas if the county votes "dry" the entire county must discontinue the sale of liquor.

Alabama has had the dispensary and the people have enough of it. We have had local option until we have cleared all the counties that can be by local option and we need State prohibition.

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She was 81 years of age; born in Lawrence county, June, 1826, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. M. Summers, of Lincoln county.

Early in life she gave her heart to God and united with Pleasant Hill Baptist church in August, 1871. At the time of her death she was a member of Topisaw church.

In 1845 she was married to D. M. Tyler. God gave them eight children, four boys and four girls, six of whom survive her:

Mrs. A. M. Summers,
Mrs. John Bailey,
Mrs. McCollough,
Mrs. Norman,
J. M. and I. W. Tyler.

Her husband preceded her only a few years, having died in October, 1898.

Sister Tyler died as she had lived, a devoted, consecrated Christian. Her remains were placed beside her husband's in Topisaw cemetery, on Monday, Jan. 21st.

God's blessings upon her noble band of children.

"Oh, let us then to Jesus fly,
Whose powerful arms can save;
Then shall our hopes ascend the sky
And triumph over the grave."

There's a loneliness in our hearts,
And a voice we loved is stilled;
And there's a vacancy in our home
That never can be filled.

But since it was our Savior
That called our mother home,
We bow submissively and say
Thy will, O Lord, on earth be done.

Dear mother, farewell, but not for-
ever,
For we hope to meet thee by and
bye,
And dwell with thee forever more
In that home beyond the sky.

Her pastor,
W. E. Farr.
Clinton, Miss.

REV. J. A. SCARBOROUGH.

Sad, sad our home since father has
left us. So much do we miss him—
his soon to have been aged, yet firm
and determined walk; his hopeful and
smiling countenance that always car-
ried sunshine to the hearts of his
loved ones and friends; his consoling
words of love; his kind and wise
counsel; the evidences of his wor-
shipful trust in God and His saving
grace through the Son; all these do
we miss, and indeed words are pow-
erless to express the solemnity and
sadness that accompanies the missing
which faces us it seems in a thousand
ways. Yet God ever knoweth best
and ruleth to His glory. Father
sleepeth in the flesh but we know

that he ever liveth in the spirit.
Also do we know that "All things
worketh together for the good to
them that love the Lord", and while
we write these lines in tears, yet
with these truths, and many more—
as blessed, continually presenting
themselves to our minds and hearts
we can not but say "Thy will be
done."

We, the loved ones tender our heart-
felt thanks again and again to the
man—friends who have been so very
kind to us in this hour of bereave-
ment.

Yours in Christ,
The Family of Rev. J. A. Scar-
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Per his son,
Martin Luther.

SISTER LOU GRAYSON.

Sister Lou Grayson was born in
Simpson county, Mississippi, thirty-six
years ago. She was converted at the
age of fourteen and joined Mt. Zion
church, being baptized by Bro. R.
Drummond. At the age of sixteen
she was married to W. A. Grayson
of near Mt. Zion, Simpson county,
Mississippi. On June 8, 1907, she fell
on sleep, and went to her reward.
She was a consistent member of the
church, a devoted wife, and a loving,
tender mother. She leaves a hus-
band and nine children to mourn her
loss, and shall be sorely missed by a
large circle of neighbors and friends.

J. F. Tull.

MRS. M. A. CHARPING.

This good woman passed to her
heavenly home and reward Jan. 23,
1907. She was born Oct. 5, 1852, at
Montezuma, Tenn. Her father moved
to Mississippi when she was one year
old, settling near Vaiden, where her
girlhood was passed, and where in
early womanhood she married W. A.
Charping and moved to Crystal Springs.
Here she gave her heart and life to
our Lord Jesus in 1873, being then 21
years old. As a Christian she ever
sought to be useful and as long as
health and strength would permit
she was fully identified with the
work of the church wherever in the
providence of God her lot was cast,
finding nothing connected with the
cause of her Lord too burdensome,
and always thankful and happy to be
counted among the burden bearers.
She was the untiring helper of her
pastor, and at every call, whether of
personal service or the open purse,
she was ready to say "as much as
in me is". It seems strange that one
so useful and so ready to help, should
have been so hindered for lack of
health and strength to do the work
that was on her heart. Many years
of suffering fell to her lot, culminat-
ing in the seven weeks of languishing
just prior to her departure, when
her spirit, freed from its clayey tene-
ment, was permitted to hear the
call, "come home". While they were
not weeks of suffering they were not
spent in murmurings, but in feast-
ing on the precious promises of God's
word, and gathering spiritual strength
from quoting such passages as "I
know whom I have believed and am
persuaded that he is able to keep

that which I have committed to him
against that day". The songs of
Zion served her well in the same
way, for as in the days of work,
she loved them, they now ministered
to her comfort, and frequently on
her lips were, "Just as I am with-
out one plea", "What a friend we
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For new equipment.....\$49,322,569
For joint terminals completed (its proportion).....3,408,188
For terminals.....823,401
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Making a total of work done and contracted for to prepare to handle the traffic.....\$102,945,000

It Has Increased Its Rolling Stock as Follows:—

Locomotives, from 623 to (received and contracted for) 1,544.
Freight train cars from 18,924 to (received and contracted for) 58,491.
Passenger train cars from 487 to (received and contracted for) 1,008.

This does not indicate fully the increase made to its equip-

ment, and efforts of the people themselves, this company has been one of the chief factors in this development. Manifestly, the vast increase of traffic incident to this commercial awakening requires enormous increases in transportation facilities.

A fair consideration of these figures will demonstrate the fact that the management of this company has not been unmindful of its obligation to increase its facilities in anticipation of the increase in traffic.

It has been, and still is, hampered, however, by two conditions: One is the large amount of cash capital required; and, the other, the difficulty of securing adequate and efficient labor, of promptly getting its construction work done, and of obtaining the rolling stock, rail and other material essential to improved facilities.

Delay incident to obtaining rolling stock will be illustrated by the following:

On November 1, 1905, contract was made for ninety eight locomotives and one thousand eight hundred and six freight cars to be delivered in February and March, 1906. There are still undelivered one hundred and seventy-seven freight cars.

On February 1, 1906, contract was made for one hundred locomotives and ten thousand freight cars to be delivered on or before October, 1906. Still undelivered seventeen locomotives and two thousand two hundred and eighteen freight cars.

The disappointing delay in construction work will be illustrated by the following:

The double track work on the main line between Pomona and Spencer, N. C., was all let during the year 1905, and the last of it could have been completed by November 30, 1906. Part of this work is ten months late and the rest of it will be approximately five months late. This delay is due to the difficulty of the contractors in getting labor and material.

The contracts for the double track work between Knoxville and Morristown, Tenn., were let in September, 1905, and April, 1906. That part of the work which should have been completed to date is approximately ten months late. This delay is due to the inability of the contractors to get labor promptly.

The double track work between Peyton and Russell, Ga., the contract for which was let in April, 1905, and which should have been completed in February 1906, will be more than 14 months late in completion. This delay is due to scarcity of labor and material.

The prosecution of this double track work has necessarily caused some of the delay to the traffic of which the public complains

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and necessary Dame Lady company in, with full instructions, operation. The fact that, in its effort to improve its facilities to handle the public business, has not been deterred from undertaking this work at a time when the cost of materials and labor is on such an unusually high plane, should, I think, be accepted by the public as an evidence of the company's desire and purpose to put itself in a position to perform acceptably its public duties.

One of the greatest needs of the South is that its railroads should have additional track capacity. No matter how many locomotives and cars may be available, it is manifest that the number which can be moved is limited by the track capacity. The work of providing the necessary additional track will require vast input of capital. How it is to be provided is everywhere a matter of grave concern to railroad managers. It cannot be obtained from the current operations of the properties. It must be borrowed.

Looking forward to the need for largely increased facilities, the management last spring authorized the creation of the company's development and general mortgage bonds to the amount of \$20,000,000.00. Of these bonds, \$10,000,000.00 were at once sold and the proceeds are being spent rapidly as the work can be done in adding to the existing facilities of the company. It is the intention of the management to pursue this policy and provide such of these additional facilities as may be required to meet the growing demands of business.

As bearing upon the capacity of the railroad companies to obtain the means to make necessary additions to their facilities and to provide the most approved safety appliances in operation, the public should give fair business consideration to the situation which confronts the carriers.

The present situation is a most immense increase in all rates, without any increase in rates in fact, with the proposition almost universally made to increase rates by legislative action.

The large increase in expenses may be illustrated as follows:

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Taxes of the company per mile of road have since 1895, increased 63.41 per cent.

To this large increase of expense must be added the excessive verdicts of juries in personal injury cases.

In addition to this there is a marked tendency on the part of many of the States to regard any failure of service as willful, and to impose upon the carrier a heavy penalty therefor.

Inasmuch as adequate facilities for all are not in existence, the imposition of a penalty for failure to furnish cars under the above mentioned circumstances, if it has any effect other than merely to deplete the treasury of the carrier and to deprive it to that extent of the power to improve its transportation and service, must result simply in the withdrawal of the carrier's facilities from the service in respect to which there is no penalty; in order to use them in the service where there is a penalty. The logical result of this would be a race between the States to see which could inflict the highest penalty so as to obtain a preference for its own citizens.

The imposition of penalties will not build railroad tracks, supply equipment, or enlarge and simplify terminals, nor would it, under the circumstances mentioned, benefit the transportation service as a whole, but on the contrary, would tend to produce injustice and discrimination between persons and localities. Besides, this naturally would develop into a preference in favor of State commerce over interstate commerce. But the larger interests of the shipping public of the South are in interstate commerce for the reason that their principal markets are the larger markets of the country, which are in interstate commerce.

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ing its increased gross earnings. With these greatly increased expenses for material, for labor, for taxes, for penalties, and for damage claims, and with the just demands of the public for better facilities and greater safety of operation, it must be apparent that a reduction of revenues must conflict with the public interest in these larger questions of better facilities and greater safety.

I submit these facts to the candid consideration of those people who, in perfect good faith, desire a reduction of our freight rates and passenger fares. The public should be advised that, with decreased revenues, the railroads of the country will be utterly unable to pursue successfully their efforts to provide better facilities and greater safety of transportation.

The point is near where it may be absolutely necessary for the public to take the choice between better and safer facilities, on the one hand, and lower rates on the other. In the nature of things, it is impossible to provide both.

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